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State House,
Boston, June 15

Friend Brewster,

I have been hoping to get out and see you since we parted, but have been hindered from coming so drop a line to say that I can let you have Nos. Collyr. Equibit, Scol. Terra. 238-417-490-683-697 & 694, (one each) Florida Coerulea, Phis Rigia, Ryp. Nigro & Frenata 683 as I told you is broken but can be mended so as to look well I think. Of the species (you gave me a list of) that you can spare, I only want Thor. Gramma. 344-517-518 & 695. Hy. Plumbea. All the others I have. Will try & see you next week. If you are in town before, just drop in and see a fellow. Presume you have been making a haul the last two weeks in nests & eggs from the country round about. The "Bird law" was printed in Sat. A. M. Advertiser. It was wrong in saying that Jays were exempted from protection.

Yours truly,
H. A. Purdie.

Purdie H. A.
June 15
1870

Friend Brewster —

How is it about lending me your Ornithological note Book? I would like it about now. Are you in the city daily at your father's office — If you are willing to lend it we might bring it there or send it and I will call.

Yours truly,
H. A. Purdie

State House
Dec. 6th 70 —

P.S.

Is there any news from our Southern friends? (so to speak)

Purdie Ho. A.
Dec-6-'70

Boston Dec. 22/7

Dear Brewster

I do not see my way clear to come out & see you this Sat. and hope you have not reserved it for me. I called on Dr. Brewer on Tuesday evening and had a chat. He showed me the sheets of Cooper's Birds of California. It is well got up. I assure you Baird's & Brewer's will be in the same style. Dr. said he had given about 3 pages foolscap to a bird.

Yours in haste
Purdie —

Purdie H. A.

Dec. 22 '70

State House
Boston, Monday
July 22/72

Friend Brewster –

Enclosed
Comes reply to my last letter to him, thinking it will much interest you, also the proof sheets of the Algeatether matter. I would call your particular attention to what he says about sending him skins of Empidonaces. Incidentally I mentioned that Lean & yourself had returned from the Lake with a fine series of skins of E. traillii. How how do you feel about it – That is, are you willing to accommodate him? I am going to see Lean also, for his answer. Of course neither of you would probably be willing to send all you had. I only wish

Recd. Aug. 23. '72

it was in my power to accomodate him independently, but you know I can't. I have (as yet) not seen the skins of acadicus he mentions, but his note only came this A.M. You will notice under the synonyms of acadicus that he has crossed out the reference to Nuttall - but now why has he not under minimus given it, is a question I put to him in my reply. Pray how can I write an article on the breeding, nest, eggs & geog. distribution of our Eastern fly-catchers (Empidonaces) with the meagre material & facts at my command. Will you please return the proof with your answer which I hope will be a prompt one - By the way I write to day or to morrow to Mr. Lash (or get his folks here in the city to do so) to know if it is convenient for me to come to Little Boar's Head next Sat. If so I shall go & you will see me sometime next week, but please write nevertheless notwithstanding as requested above.

I have to be back here for "P" August — Pray let two weeks elapse again — You are no doubt having a pleasant time. Remember me kindly to your father & mother & believe me ever your friend

H. A. Purdie

State House
Boston, Aug. 19 '72

Dear Brewster —
Dear Sam
sweating it out in the hot city while you are enjoying that jolly bathing which makes one's, you know what, ache with pain. This is to let you know that I have received your Cones skins of valid O. pacificus shot at Wash. L. C. in 1859 & 60 by Lindsey & Prentiss. He asks me to give Deane a specimen & make such use of the others as seems fit. I shall save out for you of course. The labels are quite light & seem to differ from any ornithological we collect in B. E. Remember me to your parents & to Mr. Carter if with you. French

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Dorphose has left. I came up last Monday on first train. Thought it too hot to go over to the "Tarragot" that Sat. evening. Let me hear from you at your leisure.

I called on Miss Hastings at her home in Medford Friday evening, when she spoke of you — & also of those Prince boys who she said had been raising H— at the "Lea View" during their stay —

You will excuse this daily sheet but I seized it & began to write expecting to cover but one page — if you were a stranger to me I would write it over —

Yours in friendship
Prudie.

Miss Lot M. Ferguson
Lot M. Ferguson

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE

Secretary of the Board of State Charities,

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

Mch - 27 '73

Dear Brewster;

How would you like to see me Sat. P.M. I will come out as soon as I can after three hour & dinner. Of course you will let me know if it is not perfectly convenient.

I understand Maynard is up & has seen Mr.

Yours hastily,

Dordie.

P.S. Mr. Benshaw told me yesterday that Henry would

be here next week. ——
I stay for a couple of
weeks, at present I
don't know yet.
The weather is not very
spring yet is it?
I have not observed
Ollerio Indoviciamus
as yet though expecting
it daily. Tom going is just
up a herring bone in
apple tree in hopes a
pair will breed. If they
do, shall cage the young
and bring them up on
your own & smoked beef.
I know they will get fat
on mutton & mint like
rout & hours. How you
fellows will envy me !!!

Thursday Feb
March 24 1883

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE

Secretary of the Board of State Charities,

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

April 1, 73.

Dear Brewster –

Bishop & self will not put in an appearance at your house to-night. He has gone out to Hayward's & proposes to come over for Thur. and pass the evening with us. He says if he be to-morrow eve will see you. If you don't see us then you will know why. Hoping this finds you in an improved condition after another night's rest believe me –

Yours in friendship

Purdie.

Madrid, Sept. 26,
1873.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] find the
teacher [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Purdie M. A.
June 8 - '73

Grade H. S.
Aug 6-73

State House
Wed. Aug. 6th 73.

Dear Brewster—

I must drop you a line though what to say I hardly know, for it is awful dull about here you know at this time of year. Have not been out with gun since retg. from the "Lake", & I did not clean it for three weeks after. Went to Shaant one S.S. P.M. but returned in the next boat. The Cadets came up on the same boat. Well I'm glad you got over your ill turn & that it did not last. Was in hopes to have seen your Pa. on his return but on going to the office

to enquire about you found he had left for Kennebunk.

I had a pleasant visit at your house one evening, taking tea with your mother. She was anxious about you but very glad it was no worse. They told me at the office that both she & your father had gone to you on receipt of telegram. I was up Charles river last week. Such swarms of Red-Wings I never saw. There were also Purple Martins (flocks of) flying overhead. Heard Wood Thrush Rose-Breasted G. & Cat Birds singing. Vireo flaviflavus has also turned up lately. Heard of a Cooper's Hawk's nest found Apl 29th containing a rotten egg & 3 young who flew from the nest when approached.

Is not this a smart lad? By the way if you can secure any eggs purchase for me outside of what you want yourself please do so. Should like some of those 60 Great Blue's. Has Chase come down in his price? Have you found my powder flask the gilt edged one you know. Called on Henshaw's family two weeks since. They have a house full of boarders. Maynard is back with a lot of stuff I believe. He was off on an island for 8 or 9 days not being able to get away. The boat that left him there clearing out. Write when you feel like it old boy & with regards to Godding believe me Yours in friendship & haste — — — Ponsdie.

don't come any nearer to him. Bailey was at my house last P.M. to see collection. He admired it.

Monday 1st Sept. 73.

Friend Will—

Your card of 26th is before me to answer but I have very little to say more than to thank you for writing me. V. olivaceus is out on the common here answering his relations "down East". You don't say who is at the house for boarders, or anything about the steamer. Also about that Chase & his eggs. I want two at 50¢ if you can't get them any cheaper, & ½ doz if you can get them a 25¢. Called on Henshaw's folks last week. Henry's mother was getting to be anxious about "Henry" as she had not heard for five weeks which was the longest silence he ever made. Have you anything later than July from him? Asked how his "collection" was getting on up in the room. They only knew that Mr. Henshaw had lately kept the windows open as he had put some books in there, I believe to dry, or something. Will Henry like this??? When do you return? Do birds shooting good? Have you any plans for going elsewhere or yet return since you left? I have seed a Malles' Sheawater & a Richardson's Jaeger. The latter occurred in numbers off the coast after the storm. One was shot at south shore near the Rockland House. Plimton tells me they call them "Dred Eaters". Lovely name isn't it?

Good by old boy pr. your friend Pryadie.

Purdue H. A,
Sept. 1 – 73

State House —
Boston, May 6 '74.

Dear Will —

Yours of 28th should have been ans.d before this, but the time so to do, has not happened till now. I seldom if ever write in the evening, & here at the office have been very busy as two of the clerks have been discharged and it brings more on to me: Ah! how I sigh to be with you shooting those "Carolinian" birds in West Va. Oh! we had awful weather for a week after you left as you have no doubt heard. I made no observations from Sunday Ap. 19th to Sat. P.M. May 2nd. That P.M. in Billerica, I saw G. albicollis none since, though I have been out and observed well since. Sunday May 3, heard my first S. pusilla two. Monday 4th, Pipilo - one. S. pusilla - many. Was out yesterday A.M. & this, from 5.45 to 7.30 at Newton (each) no H. rufus; no. Pipilo. Juncos & Tree Sparrows were still about Sunday May 3, & Bailey observed Fox-colored the same day. He says he

saw two or three C. pelasgia Ap. 24th. I have not
yet ♀ Ivo P. mbis Ap. 27th. Observed the
last species about a box at Billerica Monday 4th
& the owner said they had been about some ten days
Bailey also has L. macrura. one May 3rd. Can this
be he ought to know it had'nt he? I forgot
to say I heard one M. varia the same A.M. I heard
P. pipilo 29 May 4th. This A.M. at Newton there was
a general arrival — Sat. Ap. 25th Buteo lineatus —
nest of five eggs — found at Oak Hill, Newton.
by two boys. I identified the embryotic envelopes
just as if I can't tell B. lineatus fr B. borealis.
Have had a list of birds taken & observed fr.
the "Great" Scott L.L.B. Have seen nothing of
Henshaw. Reed. Butts' note, but your
father tells me he will be here this week — I
was going to answer you both in this epistle.
Am glad you are so comfortable — So you
will stay another week; well I would, & two of
them. Thanks for your interesting note &
hoping you will excuse my delay & with best
regards to E. Ingersoll, I am in haste Yours in
friendship, H. A. Purdie —

Purdie H. S.
May 6-1874

Tuesday P.M.

Dear Will -

I guess you wonder where all those birds are I was going to shoot & send to your father. Well the truth is I have not been out at all except last Sunday when I had no gun (my "10 bore" is out for repairs) but I had a great hear the Olive backed in full song over & over - also the same of Water Thrush & Canada Warbler. Have heard Mr. Black (this A.M.) he says well here is his note - but that is an unearthly hour to arrive - we must do better. I will see you about it. May come out this P.M. or to morrow. How are you?

In haste Ernest -

Purdue H. A.
May 1879

Have no definite plans yet but believe I shall be up to the Island in Jan. inclusive to "Little Pecos Island"

Friday Noon
Aug 7th 74.

Friend Brewster —

Thanks for your letter which I read with interest — you have done well in the short time you have been at the Lake. I have not much news to give you. Every thing is very quiet. I have not been out at all with my guns. But I was on the river night before last at sun-down & after, & found big & bands sweeping about the boat in a most provoking style to one without a fire arm & I made up my mind to go for them soon & so I am going to slaughter them the 1st spare Evening I get. I wrote Scott's mother the other day asking for the whereabouts of her wayward boy. No reply yet — Ruth & self last week called on Geo Wheeler at the Grants — I'd see H. De (Deane) to see as it proved Miss Grant. as to that Cable girl what has she done to you. You must seek a stiff upper lip like H. W. B. & have a smile of innocence on your phiz — Got a box of treasures p. B. arr yesterday — Sea-side Finch nest & eggs do Sharp-tailed — do Hooded Warbler. do Humming Bird Egg of Savannah Sparrow — Blue-winged Yellow Warbler. Y. B. Chat & Whippoorwill. Excuse this scrawl & believe me in friendship — H. A. Purdie.

Pmsdin
Aug 7-74

You cannot
about the
girls unless
asked for.
Take care
of yourself
Bed cold
don't worry
about me.
There will be
a Bacchanal
get & not the
H. W. B.—B.

Boston, Sept.
Thursday—

My friend Brewster—

Thanks for yours of Sunday which I have read with interest. It seems to me it takes a long time for letters & pols between us. Now I go to Rye Beach Sat. P.M. but how long it will be convenient for me to stay there I can't say. If you write again please say if the stage runs daily & about what you think Godwin would charge me—also how long you remain. If I get tired of Northampton may possibly come to the "Lake" though this is very doubtful. Still would like

to know about it – You can direct to me Ogunquit, at "Little Bear's Head", Nth. Hampton N. H. if you write before a week from to day. I sent you a postal card this week asking about the above information. I got from Wilgat the other day skins of Puffinus major & fuliginosus, also Sg. Balbola & two Rhalarops wilsonii – the two first & last species shot on George's Banks in August '74 & early in the month too!! I called & saw Henry's mother Wednesday night. She said Lizzie H. & others from her household were she supposed at the "Lake" but they had not heard since their leaving. Do you say they must have been surprised enough. The latest from Henry was Aug. 4th at Apache ——

Your friend H. A. P.

Ornithologist

Thursday Sept. 14

Little Bear's Head
[illegible]
[illegible]

Friday Eve.

Friend Brewster;

[illegible]
Tuesday daily looked for a
line from you. It [illegible]
[illegible] remained from the [illegible]
[illegible] the state. Hence I spent
[illegible] card & letter of last week,
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] I wish you had put [illegible] a word. There is nothing in the woods but S. virens [illegible] chattering at you everywhere. For [illegible] I had even Mr. Lash's company for he went up to Boston a week to day & has not returned. If I had heard from you this week & you had said come, I [illegible] if I should have done so on Monday; especially if Mr. Lash had been here – but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I have a
[illegible]
from R. J.
to spend
Sunday.
We go to
the Museum
Sat & Sun
Hence
I can't
be at
Clark's
Pom exp.
[illegible] cannot
[illegible]
for all con-
cicatts O.K.

Friend Brewster—

I saw Hapgood yesterday. He seemed pleased to see me & would be glad to see you. Had no draft of the proposed bill the matter was in Lathrop's hands— But he expected to hear from L. "in a few days" & the draft might be sent him. It was at the meeting left in a crude state & L. was to "fix it up". Hapgood asked me to see Edson Chn. of the Charitable Coms. & say to him not to advertise a hearing till he heard from Rep. or Lathrop which I have done. H. says before the bill goes before the Coms., all interested parties included Market men must be consulted & a fair bill presented to the Committee for adoption. I hardly see all of this do you!?. Am sorry to say I can't be at the meeting to morrow night as interesting as it is to be— In haste Powers

Pursdie H. A.
Feb. 26-15

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE

Secretary of the Board of State Charities,

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

Mch. 2 '75.

Friend Fr

Hapgood sent up for me yesterday saying he had got the draft of game law from Lathrop. I was at his store soon after & looked over it. Worded much like the present law & the changes are not many. Woodcock 1st of Sept. to Jan. 1st. Ruffed grouse do. Quail Oct. 15th (I think) to Jan. 1st I know. It was thought you know that Dec. 15th was late enough to allow them to be killed as the snows came about then. Should not the 15th begin the close time?

Wood & Black Duck & Teal may be taken Sept. 1st to April 20th instead of to Mch. 1st as at present. Or say April 1st is late enough at any rate. All so called marsh, beach or shore birds are protected from Jan. 1st to July 15th. It is now April 1st to July 15th; and isn't this well enough? How many such birds will thus be shot between Jan. 1st & April 1st? Are they here to be shot???. In section 5 the only "outlaws" are crows, herons, bitterns, fish hawks and all fresh water or sea fowl not named in section 39 of the present law viz Wood & Black Duck & Teal. Would it not be just as well to protect crows, herons & bitterns and also the terns. Dr. Brewer will favor this strongly. There is no promise

Respectfully yours
Mch. 2 15

Brant in Spring and that
was a section since. He also
caught at the word "battery"
(though in the present law)
and said the way he shot
Brant he supposed was from
a Battery (a stationary one)
or he put in "floating battery".
Now isn't this amusing. Here
you have one of the committee
especially appointed to frame
a law trying to word it to
suit himself to shoot his
favorites in a mean way.
Do you consider pigeons
(wild of course) game? Certain
parties wish to kill
them. See sections 5 & 6 of
present law. They are supposed
to complete. Can't you come in
at 1.15 tomorrow? I will go
to Lima with you though I can't
stop long — or come at

for scientific purposes. Half
good is willing to prosecute
in what I showed you and
thinks there will be no opposi-
tion: Wild pigeons may be shot
at present only in the three last
months. Quail & Pinnated
Grouse may be taught & sold
till Sept. 1st provided one
can prove that wild birds
were not taken in the flats
out of season. Several shore
shooters have been in to see
him and are down on protec-
ting shore birds in Spring, espec-
ially those at present exempted
and except snipe which they
don't care about. They are
going to fight hard and
if half good work exempt
them in his draft. They
are going for him on

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE.

AN ACT

to authorize certain parties to collect for scientific purposes Passerculus Princeps.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

April 2 '75.

SECTION 1.

It shall be lawful for Wm. Brewster of Cambridge and H. A. Purdie of West Newton, both in the county of Middlesex, to proceed to the town of Ipswich in Essex County on the 3rd of April 1875 at 8 in the morning and there & then procure, take or kill in a lawful manner, in the name of the Commonwealth, a bird of the out-class Passerines called

Passeres, section Oscines, family Fringillidae, sub-family Spizellinae genus Passerculus, species princeps otherwise known as the Sand, Beach, Shore, Ring, Pallid or Ipswich Sparrow — provided that any such birds procured, taken or killed, shall not be sold for over $5.00 each, and then only for scientific purposes and not for food.

Sec. 2. In case storm signals are displayed or the elements are unpropitious at the time named in Sec. 1 of this act, the Trustees may defer such visit until further ordered by this body in session assembled.

Sent up for concurrence.

Wm. Hapgood E.H. Lathrop
Pres. Brant Rock Lect. Ass.

Signed:

H. L. Parsons
Pres. B.R.L.A.

Jas. Samuels
Clk. B.R.L.A.

HOUSE, No. One

AN ACT

to authorize certain parties to collect for scientific purposes &c

Reported by Committee on

Ornithology

House of Reps. Apr. 2 *1875.*

Ornithology
Apr. 6-75

Saybrook, Ct.
Wed. June 9th 75.

Messrs Crane & Co.
Publishers of the N.E.F.
Brothers—

I have now been here a week and here follows what I have seen & heard. Arrived at depot pr. Hartford at 1.15 P.M. June the 2nd. Clark mason met me with team and drove me to a farm house (some two miles) where I am boarding. His house is 10 minutes walk from his farm. Coming up he suddenly stopped the mare & cried "there hear that—I heard Pinks, what did I tell you". Just as we landed

at the house "hear that over the hill there - Yellow headed Chat - how what do you say?" Well I was pleased. both at hearing the song & the two songs though I heard neither very distinctly. Sunday took an awful long tramp from 8.30 till nearly six. Though a beautiful day birds did not sing well. First made the acquaintance of notes of Icteria virens - Myiodioctes mitratus - Icterus spurius Myiarchus crinitus and found nest of Parula (eggs 4 fresh) Climbed up to nest of Buteo borealis & scratched the head of single yg. who sat up with outstretched wings & glared & later clawed me in the finger - Left. Old birds soaring overhead, whining, red tail plainly seen. Clark had thought it was a Buteo lineatus. I have since secured two nests of Icteria & found a 3rd of only two eggs, which I left. Sat. the 5th, I shot & wounded my 1st Hel. fina but it escaped, I got one however later. I should say there were about as common as chrysoptera with us. Have heard six in a day. Never note the Lark, not to be mistaken. Same day saw a pair of B. vermivorus, silent, acted as if building. Monday heard song of Sirurus ludovicianus but could not get a sight of bird in swamp. Am going to try hard for it as I did yesterday - Fine song. Have nest & two eggs and six found by Clark May 16th. Showed me the spot where he took the nest from. Shot my 1st crinitus yesterday & to day do of Coturniculus passerinus. The song of this is also new to me. Have yet to shoot Chat - Orchard Oriole

Rosalie H. A.
June 9-75
Saybrook Conn

Warm rain etc. But alas every thing looks as if I was too early for nests & birds, no doubt am but that possibly I may get some thing before I go. This heavy rain however is bad for nests that are building. Another kind of birds that I have seen are two Bimming Birds, nests one building, the 5th, the other this a.m. with the female on. Started for the wood & hit the Hermodorni & Cistothori, but came back as it rained so. Yesterday found C. fuscescens (one egg fresh) & we have found 3 golden-crowned Thrush nests of 4-5 & 3 & a Bow Bunting's (all fresh. If it rains to morrow I shall be blue & mad. Have had enough. Shall return the 16th about, if not sooner. Will let you

in 1844 on birds when a small
boy. People here don't under-
stand such nonsense as they
view it as so that he is rather
uncommunicative with them
but when with me he lets him-
self out & seems to enjoy it so much
This is a most splendid collecting
country I ever got into miles of
woods with paths through them
here & there. Have not heard Cuto
nus torealis or D. tinna & C. cyanea
is not common as it is with us. It is
now nearly 11 & I think I will retire
Thought of an owls would growl if
I did not pen for something hence
the preceeding scrawl

Good Night

H. A. Purdie:

have four birds of Tinnina now
will you send me a city here at
once I want to give it to Clark
or if you please send him one
direct J. N. Clark Saybrook, Ct.
We want to look over it before I leave
if possible but don't send late
than Monday. I am at a very
pleasant farm house about a
mile from the sound & by going
up a hill get a fine view of
it & of Long Island stretching
east & west. The Shore Line R.R.
runs within 50 ft. of the house &
trains go by at express speed hooting
whistle not allowed - not much -
Water Thrush have now young we
think as the finding eggs the 16th may
makes likely. Clark is a bit too fel-
low enthusiastic in the field, a v
quick eared & a remarkable memory
Showed me notes today that he kept

Boston.
June 2' 76.

Friend B.

Many thanks for your card with the news & also more that I have got from Bullaven & Bailey. If I come, shall start some day next week so look for me any night or morn. B. Bailey is bound to come Monday, but hardly think I can start then. Have heard from Northwood location: Chandler says

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he shall charge $10.50
per week for board the
day. Have replied that
though his terms high
but that he may see me
for a few days if not
a week. Can and
find out how I can get
there other than by
the Lake route,
shall decide which I
am going to first for
many reasons. Yours
Ever, H. G. Prordie.

Purdie
June 2 - '76

Monday, Oct. 9/76.

Friend Will —

Got back via Fall River yesterday A.M. Have had an O.K. time of it. Enjoyed the Library & Collection of the Acad. of Nat. Sci. & the Zoological Garden, more than the Exhibition, also Central Park & its adjuncts. Was with Gentry Friday evening. I would not make sure

Wrote H. S. Oct. 9/1876

of the name of Jos. M. Wade editor of a paper called the "Farmer's Journal," was looking about for a copy of Audubon's Birds. I could not remember if you had or not. Write your duplicate edition. If you hav'nt can address Wade, American Mills, Rockville Ct. I am real sorry to say that I cannot be at next Saturday's meetings. I have got a gain that P.M.

that he had what we
call a Good Collection.
Has not collected in
sets & what he has
are all over the floor
of an attic room cov-
ered with dust. The
few birds were poor
ones fam^ed into any
sort of a box that came
to hand. Has two or 3
cases of mounted birds,
Very fair - among them
a female Short-Eared
Owl, which he calls
the "Day or Hawk Owl.
Very rare" the only one
obtained. He talks
a good deal about J. G.
Gentry and let me into
all his private concerns
(so to speak) but he is a
good hearted fellow
& gave me a most cordial
wellcome & pressed me
to stay & pass Sunday.
He had a Postal from
Dr. Brewer, so I know
he is back (Brewer).
Gentry said a man

Dec. 29-1876

Per this B.B.
Dec. 28-1876

thing to say one way or the other that is he will assent to the decisions of the other two. We shall see what we shall see. I had right of those Dop-Jones made by Daniels but am yet $10. or out on them Frazar & Eager not having paid me. Have not yet tested mine but so far the others don't report very favorably of them. Warren (who was a pretty sick boy) is well again & goes to Philla. for good pretty soon & denced sorry am I'll lose him. That Polyd. Eager shot I call the E. flaviventris. Well it won't be long before you are with us again. Good luck to you & Harris & now with you.

H. A. Purdie

State House,
Boston, Apr. 16th

Dear Brewster –

I have to answer or to acknowledge two Club letters this last one from Orange & all Ft. Henry's Sa. Dp. 8th & which same I shall read to the Club to night. You are certainly doing good work. Went with Deane to your house Sat. P.M. and helped him open box of skins which passed out in good order and were safe & fast away. Why mounted Wood Duck? Why skin of do? Why label "C. flavipennis (perhaps aglaeus) & major"? You don't lose anything

but he thought best to and call it Red-shouldered. I left a Hen's egg in place of them. Shall try and get over again for results.

Same day got a Crow's of 5 eggs fresh. Prof. Agassiz writes me in answer to application for permit that the Faculty have decided not to grant such to any but students of the Museum or persons collecting for the same. I replied that I thought it was a pretty selfish decision for an intelligent body of men to arrive at. Hagath tells me that the Nat. His. Soc. have left the matter with Brewer Allen & himself; but that he won't have any

not being North. There is no general flight yet. Was out Fast Day 13th and yesterday 15th taking an eight mile walk each time. Much easier to tell what I did not see than what I saw. No Fox Sparrows Lee do. Yellow-rumps. Yellow Reed Polls. Kinglets Pine Creepers Hermit Thrushes very few finches. Found Hawk's nest with two eggs into it. Birds nowheres. This was the 12th went yesterday 15th and there was no change in the number of eggs but I could swear that one of them was different from the one I saw first day. Plympton really found the nest and I climbed the tree of course both times. I would not have to be there

State House,
Boston, 9th Oct. 1878.
Wednesday P.M.

Friend Will –

I never got my separates till this noon and see that they cover the whole of 3 articles. I write to ask if in mailing your copies, you tear off all following your article, or after p. 62. If so will you let me have the balance? Of course I also propose to let you have in the same way, your sheets from my stock, if you wish them. Again is it better for each of us to mail the whole signature and not mutilate the same? Just

drop me a line about it.
I answered your card
from to Nantucket but
have some doubts whether
you got it, as I heard of you
up here soon after. You
never think of calling on
me & seldom write.
If here this finds you I
don't know. I trust you
will be at Jeanes next
Monday night. I got a
long letter from Bailey yes-
terday. He is off for Halifax
as soon as a little event
happens to Mrs. B. Would
like to sell his triple combina-
tion. Can't you help him?
In haste yours— H. A. Purdie.

Purdie
June 1-1880

State House,
Boston, June 1/80.

Friend William,

I came in town earlier than usual this a.m. and being at the office before hours, seize the chance to reply to your very welcome note of May 23rd. That's right! Keep me posted in your "finds" and I will congratulate you on your good luck and yet growl at the fate which binds me here year after year. Well I think what you got a pretty good week's work if you don't! Perhaps better this's nest twice, and sets you got last year were you want, get one more for your friend can't get away,

H. A. Purdie.

P.S. Sunday Herbert Warren found nest of H. chrysoptera, eggs 5 fresh. He put in place of them eggs of S. aestiva, and left the female sitting on these. Thought he would leave the nest for me to see before taking. I visit it to morrow A.M. On Sat. at Ludbury meadows he got nest & eleven eggs of Rallus virginianus: His golden wing's is the 6th nest in map.

of the second laying. It looks so certainly. You certainly were lucky on Philohela. Of course Harry is with you and what a grand time you two must be having in the splendid region of your habitat. The Committee on Publication – Allen Batchelder & self, met at the former's Friday evening & passed on the several papers. Henshaw has a splendid review of Maynard's Wilk., right to the point. He roughs the plates, including the one of eggs, but I tell Allen this one should not be alluded to as C. J. has expunged it entirely & doesn't issue it at all. I think you must agree with me in this. Allen said if a fact he should take the liberty to strike it out. I suppose you will see a proof of the review. There is nearly enough matter for the next issue but one more meeting – June 7th. I was not at the last May 17th at Jeffries' room as is the next. Really I had not the chance to see you before you left. Deane has favored me with two notes, nothing but business now. Tell Bailey to write what he did after leaving me – how he found Cliff etc. When you get all the nests of the desirable species

Y. L. Pudi
Sec. Y. M. C. A.

State House,
Boston, Dec. 27, 80.

President N. O. C.
Dear Sir—

Article 2 of Sec. IV of the By-Laws of the Club over which you preside, reads—"The President shall preside at meetings of the Club, of the Committee on Publication, and of the Council;—shall preserve order, regulate debates, and conduct all business proceedings". Article 4 among other duties defined directs the Sec'y to call special meetings when directed by the

President. I await your orders for calling the Committee on P. O. [illegible] together, & discuss & report on what disposal shall be made of the books & [illegible] papers belonging to the Club.

Very resp. Yours,

E. A. Pardee,

Sec. N. H. P. C.

P. S.

An early answer is solicited.

Thursday P.M.

Dear Will

I wrote you this A.M. & now receive a batch which is very welcome. Cannot stop to read the enclosures now but only reply to your letter. Think I'll have some sets of eggs but must limit myself. I enclose list. I hate to have you humor the man (Morse), by giving such a price as $5.00. But you will do as you think best. Forgot to say this A.M. that

the Club elect Dr. Rehling of Houston Texas. Some weeks since I got a paper from Lennetts with account of his being elected mayor of Meadville Penn. I wrote him a letter of congratulation. He is a democrat you know. I asked him if he knew of Ingersoll's whereabouts or of his Egg Bowl. Have you read John Burroughs in the Lippincott's for March. Notes of a Walker V.

Adieu.

Pardee

Eggs from Cobb's Island
1881

H. A. Purdie wants —

Pandion	1 set
Haematopus	2 sets
Rhynchops	1 set
Sterna anglica	2 sets
" forsteri	2 sets

Average 3 eggs to a set say = 24 eggs.

N. A. Faddis
Mch. 10 1881

Purdie Mch. 24, 1883

count of Bulletin matters at last moment but I sail positively Wed., the 28th. Have my ticket. I would very much liked to have started this P.M., & am provoked that I couldn't. We should hardly have attempted to run the Bulletin this year. Allen is not so well as you seem to think, is my opinion. Mail my Bulletin to Osmond Volusia Co. Fla. I shan't be there later than the 22nd of April when we must start for the north. Believe I have said all necessary. Trusting you have checked that cold overboard, as I probably shall my Club dinner Wed. night, I remain your friend –

Henry –

State House,
Boston, Mch. 24/83

Here's another letter from Purdie to be sure. Well I hope you are getting along so that you can go & see Allen. I left with him the cash & subscription books. He seemed to want to see you & rather wondered you had not been round or written. Was rather down last evening & did not like the idea of taking care of the money matters of the Club. I think you better take it. Have had 1000 wrappers made and they are at Wheeler's to be printed

From Nuttall Ornithological Club
Cambridge, Mass. Allen was
anxious this should be done
and my experience is the same.
I believe you thought it best to
hand stamp them. Wheeler
wasn't in but a had a letter
for him explaining about how
they should be done and I trust
he won't make a bull. They are
to be sent to you as also the
Bulletins. If you go to Wash-
ington later on, better send
a doz. to Allen & to Mrs. Batch-
elder. I have had to call on
her quite often & send off
the back numbers with the
current issue. The above "parties"
should have both bulletins
wrappers. In doing up the
April issue I think you will
find it well (with the new
wrappers) to fold in to the
pages of the pamphlet about
1/2 inch of the wrapper which
will prevent any danger of
its slipping out. You will per-
ceive the wraps are much
shorter & longer than old
ones which better be used
up on single numbers first
In the new ones can be done
up 3 or even 4 copies. I got
your card with bank state-
ment & have made up cash
to 23 inst. I come out $4.81 short,
but am not at all surprised
when one consider the triangular
system of keeping accounts.
Allen will explain other
matters to you. I would like
to have directed the wrappers
but could'nt possibly - As it
is gave up going by boat to
Baltimore this P.M. on ac

Pundie - H.A.
Oct. 10, 1895.

#36 State House,
Boston, Oct. 10th 95.

Dear Will -

The Executive Committee N.V.C. met last night at Batchelder's. Present Barrett, Batchy, Allen & Pundie. We were very sorry not to have you with us. We discussed as to where the Club could meet this winter, the future of the Club, and that more effort on the part of the members and particularly the Council & officers would be needed to

may not see him. He hurt his knee at Bedees this summer & hasn't entirely gotten over it. I wonder how you are all this time? You need only send me a postal saying where can I find you in Concord. It seems important I should see you on this matter. I am now boarding at Wellesley Hills near the Newton Lower Falls station & near Henchan's old home — at a Mrs. Valentines.

Sincerely yours H. A. Pindie.

Hold it Remington together! Probably — horribly a committee. Time & space & space & space

Wed. Oct. 23 '95.

Dear Will –

I got your reply last week, & no doubt you have wondered why I hav'nt replied ere this. To tell the truth I could'nt very well name an evening to call on you without perhaps striking just your Cambridge night. Then the immediate cause for my visit was removed. Before last Monday's meeting Batchy read your letter & Carruth & self; I mean your reply to his & you. We met in B's parlor but it did'nt seem to me the proper place. Had a good meeting though. Hoffman & Chadbourne

Cundiff – H. A. / Oct. 23, 1895.

right in A.I.H. Check List – renewed. as also the occurrence of Laption capensis in me. Well, I guess I tire you so will stop. Hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather, on the Concord.

Cordially yours,
Henry –

P.S. Who will be elected to Active Membership and is Paxonout of the fight?

Bulletins on bird matter, from Wash. come fast lately. Saw Henshaw's sister last week. Said the nearest she heard of him expected it would be that he was in Cal. again. His brother William is a wreck! Mind affected. Lives with his married son the Dr. in the house on Linnaean St. All of which may not be news to you. Deane is absorbed in his wheel & writes only short notes now. Do you & Wash. A.O.U.? Was a bit surprised at note in Oct. "Auk" on breeding of Eider duck off Maine coast. Thought it was a well known fact & yet Dr. Chapman says from Bay of Fundy northward & eastward (I have not the book here), & he is of N.A. Birds, hardly credits the species as breeding then on birds off the coast. I found it on birds off Mt. Desert. see "N.E. Bird Life". Hope they will get it

heart. We mean to be home & take the Deane Cayouh trip & don't - I'll write. Been occupied approach it. Mackay reads Hen hashers, clothing at the whole time. Don't think it was time were a Hawk on! I expect to vacation Wednesday & Thursday & H. Forbes is acting as teacher. Wife is at Deer Isle for Cannon Co. Telephone arrest accept with thanks Mr. Pt. To Dentist. Cleaned Great Cos. Should say. Want to see Dr. about Hawk Frontpieces Dr. Ann in N.E. Alg. nu N.E. species bird are a close range, regular Canuck Hawk. That's right about Hen go & Cannibalize?

Dunn — Henry A.
Mch. 12, 1897

above is about right but its some trouble to follow up the progression of these bills. I hope to be able to accept your invite to dine Sunday & may come early and read in your study while you are off driving, as I understand you have no objection.

Yours in some hurry —

Henry A. D.

P.S. The Gov. in his veto speaks of "white-winged scoters". The bill does not use that term.

Friday, Mch. 12 '97.

Dear Will —

Your lines of yesterday before me. Glad you found something to interest you in the correspondence I sent. Also that you are so much better. Sent you the Gov's veto yes. I said to myself when I read it, that you must have seen, written, or had some-one interview him. Enclosed find Mackay's bill in a new draft! Changes of season in sec. 1 from his first draft, and Pinnated grouse given a separate section. Wild Pigeon given entire protection

So you understand that "wild geese" covers Brant as exempted fr. protection (see sec. 3) I know existing law is the same. I trust this law will enable some one to record the finding in Mass. breeding of Sp. hawks, Pigeon Hawks, Butcher birds and Geese. In one or two localities there will be a hustling for Duck Hawk's eggs. Into section 1 apparently have been incorporated legislation asked for by other parties for squirrels, hares & rabbits. The Gov's vetos is on the table as per enclosed. Senate No. 51, House No. 15, have passed. House #504 seems to be going through with an amendment striking out in line 7 the word "bail". House 464 seems to be hung up in the Committee. They gave one hearing Feb. 16, & that's the last record I can find of it. House #503 had a hearing Feb. 23 & 24 & March 9, closed March 9th not reported on yet. House #795 referred to next Gen. Court. Same of House #870 & 904. I think the

Purdy, Henry A.
April 13. 1897.

Hub of the Hub -
Room 36, Apr. 13'97.

Dear Will -

Excuse my troubling you with a note, but "where are you at"? Have been mailing game law docs. to Concord, taking it for granted you were there. I have now for you the first part of Wakefield's Dedham List - the Introductory. Where will you have it sent, Cambridge or Concord? Spent Sunday with my old friend Browne. Poor fellow, he's pretty poorly. It makes me sad to think he can't last many years, if even that. Oh! these bears

lieve. Mr. & Mrs. Sage go to England this month a Cathedraling — good word, eh? Dr. Means has kindly sent me his Mosi Indian Ornithological Vocabulary. Nathan & brother, left back 65 ducks of some Ten or Twelve species, from English Lake two Mondays since. I don't expect you to reply at length. A few lines on a postal will do. Hope you are O.K. now and enjoying all you can. Haven't been to Cambridge for some time. Trust all are well there.

Yours courteously —

Henry A. P.

Tell A. H. in Hecity are falling to me next annual Report. Nash was travelling in Security. Bartman is engaged. His wife keeper and also my dress a fine match. Do call at Harris' & see me. Call & Permit Thank an uncommon trial in Franny. Even in the vicinity Tiers. All my that Sen. & Mr. Tailler reason, so odd! Some fairly early arrivals reported in Pasing. Hackay's same bird doesn't progress very fast. Cacits 2d reading in Horse Det. in 5 days. Spider goes to Hadrian and a bid spirit Dre-

Purdie, H. A. 4
Apr. 5-99

or half time = three days a week, for $500.00 per year, and if away beyond the 3 weeks vacation allowed by the Museum, would get deduction pro rata. This is at the rate of $1000. per yr. only fair pay but not by any means to be sneezed at by a poor man. But dear me, that Jamaica Scott collection, is only a small part of the work to be done. A Curator and an assistant, could be steadily employed daily. The balance of the Home Collection is soon expected, and should be immedi-

10 Joy St. Boston
Wed. Apl. 5th 99, 10 P.M.

Dear Will -

I was sorry enough to learn you had left Cambridge so soon. I wanted to see you again very much. Have missed my seeing you so little the last winter. Indeed how different from old times! Of course I am aware that I have nothing of interest to entertain you with, and you have always to inform me. This I know becomes irksome. I had

surface somehow, and I want satis-
faction! My friends have not done
what I hoped they would, i.e. clubbed
together and demanded of the Board
why I was discharged? Of my treat-
ment, Civil Service? But enough of
this:- Tuesday (yes.) rec'd. a line from
Mr. (Dr.) Woodworth, asking me to call on
Mr. Paxon "regarding the matter under
consideration". This I did. Paxon thought
it queer that he was asked to tell me
the terms etc. the same I suppose as
Woodworth told you, i.e. I am to work
together with the Civil
Service Board for six mos.
to receive fully well
acquainted with the
collection. Southern
has written as much.
(Capt Hill) Dr Dr &c-
plained to me only Penal
not. Feel hopeless
that I are very genu-
ous & scientific and
ers, if not & there who
want to satisfy my
curiosity and are
horribly disgust. In many
ways I am a disabled
hunted fellow in my 50th
year. I don't get over
that tale to me matter
& feel coming & the

longer. Thank you for opinion on Bubo for him. He was quite curious & know what you thought it might be, & asked if both B. arcticus & sub-arcticus = palæocænus, Hone, might not be found in Wisconsin in winter? I did not go to the N.O.C. meeting Monday eve. Will you excuse this long screed which I hardly expect you to answer. Hope you will gain in mind & body, and enjoy all you can out of Apl. May & June.

Sincerely ever,

Midnight! H. A. Purdie

ately catalogued, that is Dr. Wordworth said he supposed it ought to be & Faxon nodded assent. Then theres the Grant Coll. and perhaps many others that you know all about of course, that shld. be put in order etc.

Its quite a responsibility one takes is it not, on entering those portals?

Faxon says he shall go away about the first of May, and you are away. Then if I am against a snag, where am I? Faxon comes back to the museum in July, abt. the 1st probably, and works there until

It is hot in those rooms in July and Aug

the work to be done, never having had any experience in Museum work:— I was in Billerica Sunday and Monday, and the amount of snow & ice I saw in woods, lanes, ponds and river, surprised me, and I thought of you & wondered when you visited your camp, if you exclaimed "did you ever"?! No Fox Sparrows for me yet. I do want to hear their song before I die! Friend Browne has been sick nearly unto death, but has rallied, and may live a while

longer. Here are several reasons why I should like to be doing my share, & you can carry them in one of them. Again let perhaps I don't care to do work until Nov.! next, but can hardly expect the Trustees would consent to this. Would you? Really if you have anyone in view for the place, think they should do right to notify Mr. Brill and Hand in the way with my recommendations. Don't a bit feared perhaps at what seems the magnitude

Purdee, H. A.
June 29, 1899.

J. M. C. N. Rooms,
Boston, June 29 '99.

Dear Will -

So pardon please my not before replying to your important letter, but it came to Lower Falls during my absence of several days in Billerica & Essex with my brother. Am now back and have only just pulled myself together again.
Really I do not feel libel taking hold at the Museum for the present, and under the considerations, circumstances and possible

result of my acceptance and work, I feel I should decline the position so kindly offered me by Dr. Woodworth and endorsed by yourself and Paxon. Of course I feel I loose a good chance, and regret my choice. Yet I would like to see you once more before you leave for Peterborough. So I may be out to morrow sometime if not to day - this P.M. possibly.

Sincerely yours,
Henry A. Pardie

Box 195 Newton Lower Falls, Mass.

87 Pinckney St.
Boston, 4th June 08.

My dear Will –

Very good of you to send me Kimball's letter about poor Lammels, & just writing Bouthwen, have taken the liberty to send it to him – & be returned to me – thought you say you don't care for it's return to you. Oddly enough have happened to have two walks with Walter Deane this week to see a special plant in two localities. Heard from him you were in Cambridge. What splendid weather we have had lately, & I am out doors a good deal

& keep myself well.
But oh! dear, I can't hear or see the birds about me & feel pretty blue thereat.
Pretty soon you must be off to Bar Harbor or elsewhere I take it. Hope you will have an enjoyable summer is the sincere wish of your ever indebted friend,

Henry Augustus Prindle.

I hear nothing from nobody in Washington. Hope Henry H. is O.K. & wonder if Palmer is there?
I really write this at the Athenaeum, where I do most of what little writing or drawling I now indulge in.

87 Pinckney St.
Boston - 21 Dec./10.

Dear Will —

On your life's value don't send me any Christmas gift unless you choose to call Wayne's Birds of So. Carolina, me. That you have very kindly promised me and I shall be delighted as much as ever it. I can't get over your goodness in everything. You were at the bottom of this Field Mass affair I'll bet.

Yours ever obliged,
Henry.

Isn't this a beautiful morn!

The last R.V. meeting was good.

57 - Pinckney St.
7th Jan. 1911.

My dear Will -

I was sorry not to see you last night when I was going to hand you the enclosed. Thank you for sending it me. I rather like to see these letters for I am pretty lonely in bird talk with any one of late years & I crave it.

Well, I should say the lady's first question would be answered by the Great Horned Owl, closely followed by Long-eared & Acadian Owls, or among the Passeres by the Shrike or Hairy Woodpecker. How is that?!

Why don't these people send

For me I want to see you & talk it over. Henry.

the scriptures for information ever. As to what Hodge says - well I will ask you on that point. Interesting meeting last night - good understandable talks, with specimens crowded on both sides of the room. Batchelder was there and Judge Jenny. What are you driving at Bds. of Umbagog? Walter said he saw but little of you. But become a recluse I beg of you. I'm afraid E. W. Wight is none too well. Is at 42 Irving St. your city. I learn you got the glass

rec'd July 22 '07.

87 Pinckney St.
Sunday, 21 July 1907.

Dear Mr. Deane—

I have found at the Boston Public Library, a "Nuttall" of 1832, in the original binding viz green cloth with thin leather label as indicated or enclosed. No other lettering. The lettering is in gilt. The beautiful (my) drawing represents tear shaped spots. There are two gilt lines the heavier one being the upper & lower ones. The words "Land Birds," is not on the light line but above it. The lines are gilt too. I found the Harvard Col-

lege & Athenaeum Libray
copies had been rebound,
& Mr. Saml. Henshaw
told me he had informed
you their copy was so.
I had a real nice call
at Museum & House.
Bett assumed it was a
Fed.

In haste.
H. A. Dredin.

The copy has "Theo Parker
1854".

Recd. at the Libray
12th May 1881.

The above on fly leaf,
& cover - front.
I think copies were bound in
other colored cloths, e.g.
some shade of brown

Copy book. 21Jul07

Label this for Conn.

Nuttall's
Ornithology
Land Birds.